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1840-1850/1870's

938-900 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

With the exception of the large, early twentieth century department store occupying the north-west corner of Charles and Hamburg Streets (930-938 S. Charles St.), the houses located along this side of the 900 block of S. Charles St. are all three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, except for 900 S. Charles St., which has a gable roof, and 902 S. Charles St. which is three stories plus an attic story in height, with a gable roof. All of the houses are two bays wide, except for 912 and 900 S. Charles St., which are three bays wide. The houses were originally built in the 1840's with gable roofs but were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style with shed roof and bracketed cornices. Most of the houses have always served a mixed commercial/residential function, with the first floor area serving as a storefront and the upper floors serving as a residence. The group of houses extending from 914 to 922 S. Charles St. are currently in a state of some deterioration.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

908-910 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story, two bay brick buildings with shed roof and bracketed cornice originally had a gable roof and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. The first floor areas have been converted into shop-fronts.

The buildings are three stories in height, 15' wide, and occupy lots 65' deep. An arched alleyway runs between the two buildings. They are constructed in running bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of stylized dentils and bordered on its lower edge by a reeded molding strip. Five plain brackets, with applied leaf motifs, support the cornice and connect it to a reeded lower molding strip.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 sash. The first floor has been converted into store-fronts. At 908 S. Charles St. a late Victorian glass and panel door is recessed in the northernmost bay, flanked by a two-sided projecting plate-glass store-front window set on a black stone base. At 910 S. Charles St. the same type of late Victorian door is centrally located and flanked by two, three-sided plate-glass shop windows set on black stone bases. Behind these shop windows, and flush with the door, one can see the original windows of the building, double hung with 4/4 sash. Each door is set beneath a single light transom. A continuous cornice extends across the entire facade, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils. There is a plain frieze area and the entire cornice is supported by a pair of scroll-sawed, plain end brackets. This shop-front cornice appears to be contemporary with the roof cornice. The buildings sit on a low basement, the entrances being reached by a single wide stone stoop.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1835-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John G. Kriel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 912 S. Charles St.

These two houses were sold by Kriel's administrator for \$1400 to William J. Cole, who held them as rental property until the mid-1860's when he sold them to individual owners. The first owner-occupant of 910 S. Charles St. was a John Schultz, a blacksmith, and the first owner-occupant of 908 S. Charles St. was a Christian Roeth, who had a shoemaker's shop at this location in the late 1860's.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 329, Folio 153; AM 308, Folio 459; AM 290, Folio 83; Baltimore City Directory, 1867, 1868-69

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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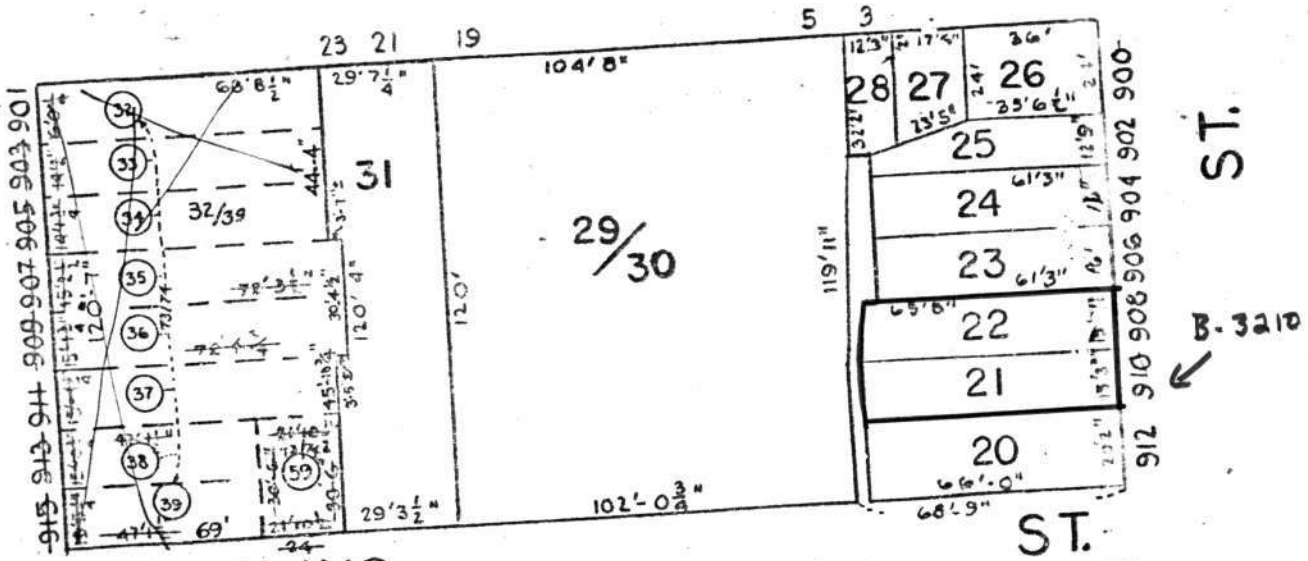
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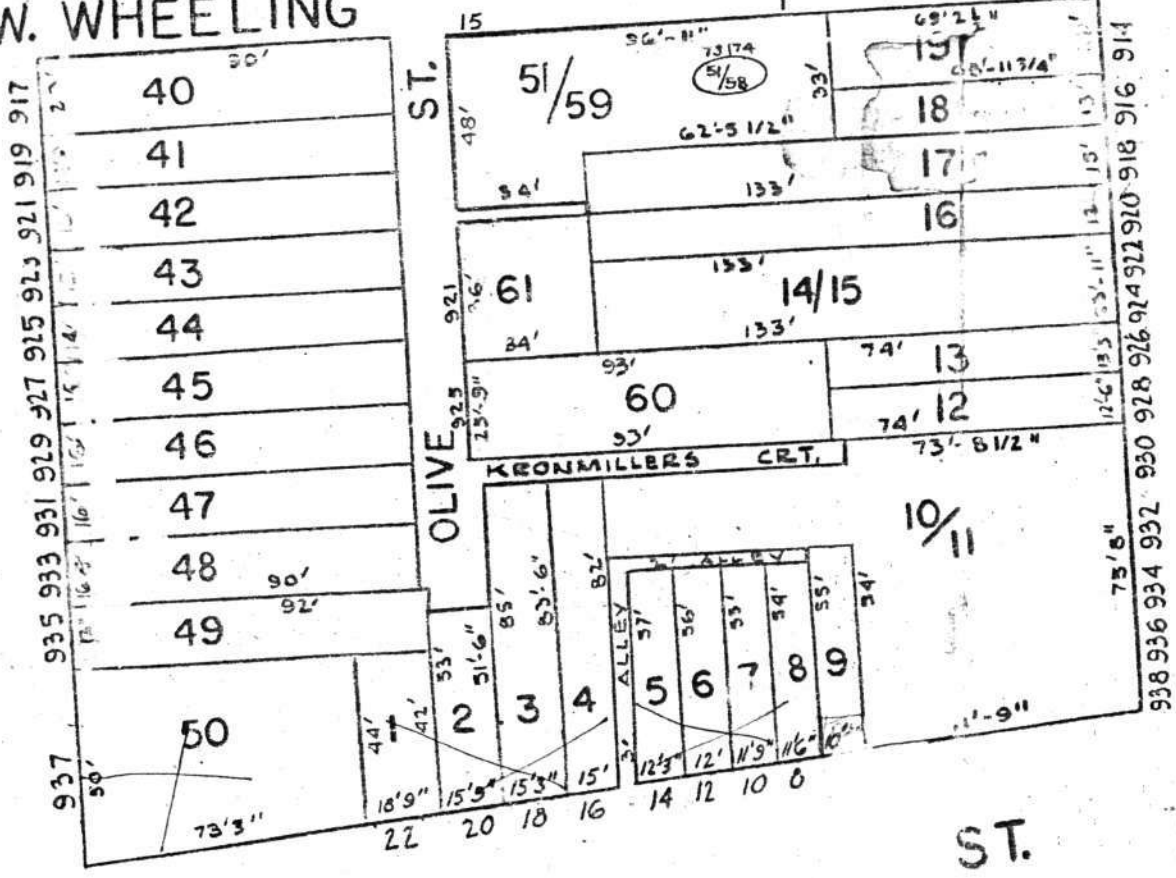


W. WHEELING

S. HANOVER

W. HAMBURG

S. CHARLES



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908-910 S. Charles St.

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East elevation